Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The construction industry in the state of South Dakota, with an employment of over 2,000, and total highway construction contracts awarded in excess of $320 million in 2002, is a cornerstone of economic development in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The infrastructure of 83,609 miles of highways, roads, and streets in addition to the 5,905 bridges on the state and local government highway system play a vital role in future development of agriculture, tourism, business, and leisure travel for people from and traveling through the state; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Department of Transportation and the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of South Dakota, Highway-Heavy-Utilities Chapter, have been instrumental in providing quality curriculum and higher educational opportunities in construction related fields for future generations of South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, The commitment of the South Dakota Department of Transportation and the AGC of South Dakota, Highway-Heavy-Utilities Chapter, provide quality construction education opportunities will allow the state of South Dakota to enjoy the finest technological advancements in construction for the benefit of its citizens; and,

Whereas, Leaders in the construction industry strive to increase awareness among educators, parents, and students that construction is a safe, creative, and productive career choice that opens the door to personal growth, fulfillment, and economic success:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 18, 23, 25, and 30, 2003, as

CONSTRUCTION AWARENESS DAYS

in the South Dakota communities of Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Aberdeen, respectively.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State